official.

(d) The waiting list is likely to be cleared by July, 79'.

शिमला में रोहड़ू टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज में एसटीडी की सेवा का असंतोषजनक होना

4118. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह:** क्या **संचार** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या हिमाचल प्रदेश के शिमला जिले में रोहड़ू में स्थापित टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज में जब से एसटीडी सुविधा शुरू की गई है तब से यह ठीक ढंग से कार्य नहीं कर रहा है, यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि अधिकांश एसटीडी कनैक्शन खराब हैं तथा स्थानीय एक्सचेंज जो केवल 8—10 किलोमीटर की दूरी पर हैं, को ग्रुप डायलिंग सिस्टम में नहीं जोड़ा गया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और इसके क्या कारण हैं?

संचार मंत्री (श्री बेनी प्रसाद वर्मा): (क) रोहड़ू एक्सचेंज में 7.2.97 को एस०टी०डी० सुविधा चालू की गई थी। शिमला-रोहड़ू एस०टी०डी० लिंक पर मार्च 1997, अप्रैल 1997 और मई 1997 के महीने में कुछ दिनों के लिए व्यवधान था। ब्यौरे विवरण में दिए गए हैं (**नीचे** देखिए)

इन खराबियों के मुख्य कारण इस प्रकर हैं:—

(i) खड़ा पत्थर में बिजली गिरी जिससे विद्युत संयंत्र पूर्णतः जल गया।

(ii) महासू—चोटी पर मल्टी प्लेक्सिंग उपस्कर में दोष उत्पन्न होना; और

(iii) मंडोल में खराबी जहां बर्फ गिरने के कारण पहुंचना दुर्गम था।

(ख) और (ग) कोई भी एस टी डी रूट/कनेक्शन खराब नहीं है। उपरोक्त भाग (क) के उत्तर में बतायी गई अवधि के लिए एस टी डी में व्यवधान रहा था।

पांच टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज नामतः (1) दर्रुच, (2) बटवाड़ी (3) समरकोट, (4) कुटार और (5) मंदार्ली जो रोहड़ू एक्सचेंज के 10 कि०मी० की अरीय दूरी के अन्तर्गत आते हैं, में ग्रुप डायलिंग प्रणाली-सुविधा प्रदान नहीं की गई है क्योंकि इन एक्सचेंजों से रोहड़ू तक उपयुक्त मीडिया इंटर कनेक्टिंग की व्यवस्था नहीं है। सितम्बर 1997 तक उनमें से प्रत्येक को ग्रुप डायलिंग पर रोहड़ू से जोड़ दिए जाने की योजना बनाई गई है।

विवरण

शिमला-रोहड़ू एस टी डी-लिंक पर व्यवधान

(1) 17-03-97 से 19-03-97 तक

(2) 28-04-97 से 02-05-97 तक

(3) 15-04-97 से 21-04-97 तक

C-Dot manufactures debarred from Participation

4119. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tenders opened on the 15th March, 1996 for switches for 1.3 million of C-DOT manufacturers were debarred from participation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there was a case of certelisation of MNC suppliers in this tender;

(d) if so, whether non participation of C-DOT manufacturers facilitated such an outcome and whether the tender will be investigated and rebidding ordered allowing C-DOT manufacturers also to participate;

(e) whether C-DOT manufacturers have also been debarred from participating in tender on the 2nd May, 1997 for switches; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) As per eligibility condition of the tender, all manufacturers whose equipment had been validated by the Telecom Engineering Centre of the DOT in accordance with the specification SD-203, January '91 were only eligible to participate. This condition was not met by the C-DOT manufacturers on the date of the opening of the tender.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to (c) above.

(e) The tender is due on 17.6.97. The eligibility of this tender is same as indicated in answer to (a) above. All manufacturers/suppliers including that of C-DOT can participate.

(f) Does not arise in view of reply to (e) above.

Allocation of Slot to Ernet on INSAT-2C Satellite

4120. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the INSAT-2B has been decommissioned;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that VSNL which allocates slots on the satellites has restricted slots on INSAT-2C only to commercial networks;

(c) if so, whether R&D and S&T institutional network ERNET has been allocated slots on the old INSAT-2A adversely affecting the quality of transmission; and

(d) if so, whether ERNET will be allocated slot on INSAT-2C at non commercial rates?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Space segment of INSAT System is being controlled by Deptt. of Telecom/Deptt. of Space and not by VSNL.

(c) ERNET was earlier operational on transponder no. B in INSAT-2B Satellite. It was shifted to INSAT-2A Satellite alongwith the other users due to failure of transponder 8 of INSAT-2B Satellite. ERNET now on INSAT-2A is working satisfactorily without any complaint.

(d) There is no capacity available on INSAT-2C for operation of ERNET in C-Band.

Action taken on Athreya Committee

4121. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been submitted the Athreya Committee Report on restructuring of MTNL and DoT in the Ministry of Communications;

(b) the main recommendations of the said report;

(c) whether Government have considered the report and have taken any action thereon; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The majority of Members of the Athreya Committee recommended conversion of the field operations of the Department of Telecommunications (including MTNL) into a Holding Company and the setting up of five subsidiary Corporations viz. four Zonal Telecom Operating Corporations and one Long Distance Connector Corporation.

The report was duly considered the recommendations in respect of Corporatization were not pursued in view of the financial implications involved and reservations expressed by Telecom Staff as also in the context of the National Telecom Policy. 1994, envisaging duopoly in basic telecom services which would be provided by a Government and private operator in each circle.

Deployment of Expensive Switching Equipments

4122. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the expensive MNC switching equipments are deployed in more than 60 cities in India;